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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

May 10, 1950

Dear Mr. Lay,

Reference is made to NSC 66 dated 4 April 1950, subject "Support for the Voice of America in the Fields of Intelligence and Research and Development."

On 24 March 1950, the Special Assistant to the Secretary of State forwarded a similar letter to the Director of Central Intelligence and to other members of the Intelligence Advisory Committee requesting their assistance in studying this problem. In response thereto, an ad hoc committee composed of communications, intelligence and electronic countermeasures representatives of the Department of Defense and the Department of State is currently studying the problem. In view of the study of the technical and other problems involved now in progress by the Intelligence Advisory Committee, it is considered premature for the National Security Council to establish a special staff committee to study the same question, until such time as the study now being conducted under the direction of the Central Intelligence Agency has been submitted and evaluated.

In view of the above and to prevent duplication of effort, it is recommended that no further action be taken on this matter by the National Security Council until the ad hoc committee now studying the problem completes its investigation and submits its report.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ LOUIS JOHNSON

Mr. James Lay, Executive Secretary
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Washington, D. C.

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